

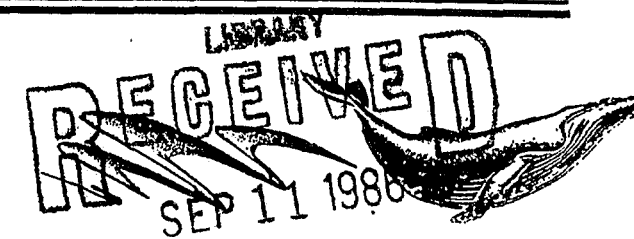


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Visser: UAJ will remain four-year institution

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

Donald O'Dowd, president of the University of Alaska statewide system, in June appointed Dr. John E. Visser to the position of chancellor of the University of Alaska-Juneau for an interim period of one year. The appointment followed the announcement in May of Dr. Michael Paradise's resignation from that post.

Paradise, who came to Juneau as chancellor in 1979, will continue to serve UAJ in the capacity of professor of mathematics, according to Don Frey, publications coordinator at UAJ.

Visser, who most recently served at Anchorage Community College as vice chancellor for student affairs, officially assumed his new duties on Sept. 1, after a formal introduction to faculty and staff at convocation ceremonies on Aug. 18.

After his first full week on the job, Visser said his immediate priority is to prepare for the Sept. 30 visit of O'Dowd and other representatives of state wide administration. The visit is part of a review of all system campuses in an effort to restructure the University of Alaska.

Visser's term of leadership at UAJ began while university officials across the state were still reeling from the effects of

this summer's oil revenue decline.

"A significant restructuring of the University will be required to insure the continuation of quality services to Alaska's people and institutions," O'Dowd stated in a Sept. 3 memorandum to those involved in the process.

Internally, Visser foresees any significant restructuring of UAJ as taking place only after statewide administration makes its recommendations and offers an implementation plan.

"There is sometimes too much emphasis on reorganization; it is a process that usually goes on all the time," Visser said.

He referred to the recent internal changes at UAJ, including Mike Adam's appointment as vice chancellor for administrative services, as factors that in themselves involve a reorganization and re-evaluation of ongoing operations.

Visser does not expect the restructuring plan handed down from statewide to include any recommendation to revert UAJ to community college status.

"UAJ's four-year status is not in jeopardy," Visser said. He added, however, that "we will need to slim down some of the programs in our mission."

"We will have to submit hard data to statewide (administration) and justify various programs. We must be more cost-effective than in the past

and limit programs to those we can do well and which attract students," Visser said.

"UAJ has been lucky in the past to have funding, but in the future we will have to be more careful to do those things we can afford to do," he added.

In selecting those programs on which UAJ should focus its mission, Visser said the University must consider its statewide and regional responsibilities.

UAJ's fisheries, vocational-technical and public administration programs were among those identified by Visser as being crucial to fulfilling its responsibilities.

Visser said UAJ must be prepared to actively participate in and contribute to the region, including its cultural and economic development.

"Businesses ought to be able to come to us for consultation and training," he said, "and we need to do more of what Patrick Anderson is doing with UAJ's Office of Economic Development."

Visser also sees a need for UAJ to work closely with educators at all levels in the region.

"I won't rest peacefully until most Southeastern high school graduates start their college

educations here at UAJ," Visser said.

The chancellor also believes



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Dr. John E. Visser

UAJ should strengthen its ties with community colleges in Southeast, such as those in Ketchikan and Sitka. He feels graduates of those institutions should be encouraged to come to UAJ to complete their educational programs.

Visser is also concerned that meeting the needs of Southeast's Native populations should be primary goal.

"I would like to convince O'Dowd that these issues should

be included in our mission," Visser said.

Visser said he would like to see UAJ continue to develop on the foundation laid in past years. He commended former chancellor Paradise for his efforts to bring UAJ from a community college to four year status, and in gaining accreditation for the university.

Visser praised Paradise's accomplishments of the past seven years as a remarkable effort.

HOUSING: 27 % increased over last year

By MISHY MADSEN
Whalesong Staff Reporter's

With a 27% increase in residents, UAJ Student Housing is on its way to becoming a "real community" according to the

manager. Tish Griffin is looking forward to the new year with excitement and lots of ideas.

Several projects are being planned, including a student convenience store and weekly theme programs. So far there has been high attendance at

activities.

Griffin is "real excited" about the convenience store and thinks it should be a big bonus for the residents. A business student would be running the

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Daycare applications accepted

BY ALICE DA COSTA
Whalesong Staff Reporter

Applications for enrolling children in the university day care center are available at the Student Activities office on campus and at the lodge at the

university housing complex.

Children of full time students will be the first to be accepted when the day care center opens according to Robert Green, director of physical plant and the

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EDITORIAL

The summer season can be a time for many college campuses to peacefully await the return in fall of students and faculty. The summer of 1986 was one of upheaval and change for the campuses of colleges throughout Alaska, and UAJ in particular.

The much publicized decline in oil revenues left university administrators in fiscal limbo as the Board of Regents and statewide system President O'Dowd played politics in order to lessen the severity of the budget blows.

In the midst of this turmoil, Dr. Michael Paradise announced his resignation from his post as chancellor of the University of Alaska-Juneau. Paradise had held that position for seven years and in that time, guided UAJ through the processes of becoming a four-year institution and then through the accreditation effort.

Dr. John Visser has since arrived to sort through the rubble of reduced budgets and imminent plans for restructuring the entire University system. On first meeting, our new chancellor appears to have a clear vision of UAJ's mission and the direction we must take to achieve those goals.

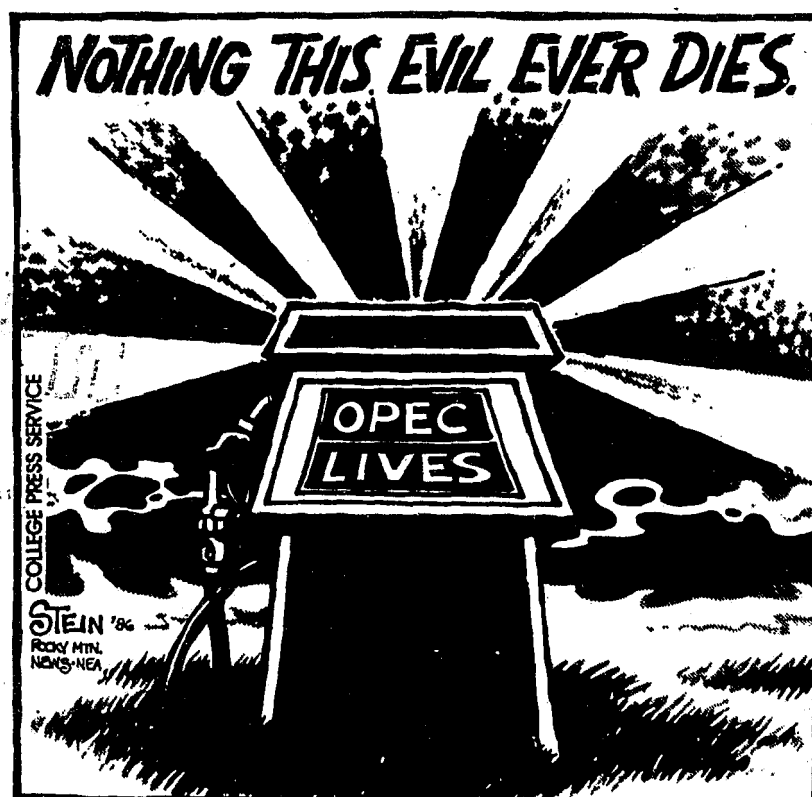
Throughout this season of uncertainty, UAJ and statewide administrators have kept the survival of academic programs and student services foremost in their list of priorities, and for this they are to be commended.

It may be a gesture of thanks from the students of UAJ and the community of Juneau that enrollment this semester has exceeded all previous records.

Regents and the Southeast and Juneau communities wholeheartedly supported the continuation of UAJ's programs, refusing to entertain suggestions that UAJ be returned to community college status. Statewide administrators listened to those voices and have not ever formally suggested such a move.

The Whalesong commends the university community, including students, faculty and staff for expressing strength and unity in the troubling times we have just experienced.

We've been forced to "sink or swim", and shown that we are unsinkable.



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Exciting year shaping up

By MICHAEL SMITH
USUAAJ President

Welcome to UAJ, new and returning students. This is already shaping up to be an exciting year, full of changes and growth (I hope).

Some issues which are most pressing at this time are the upcoming elections and student appointments to the various committees and assemblies. The elections for officers and representatives are scheduled for Oct. 7, 8, and 9. The positions open are: legislative affairs coordinator, secretary-treasurer, two upper division representatives and two lower division representatives.

Nominating petitions (requiring 10 student signatures) are available at the Counseling Center, Bill Ray Center, Student Activities and at the Student Government offices. These petitions must be returned by 5 p.m. Sept. 26.

Any student at UAJ is eligible to run for office with these restrictions: upper division reps must have class standing of junior, senior, or graduate, while the lower division reps must have a class standing of freshman or sophomore.

The secretary/treasurer must be able to take accurate minutes at student government meetings, keep an orderly filing system for financial records and correspondence, and be available on a regular basis for processing paperwork generated by student government.

The legislative affairs coordinator must be willing and able to spend a lot of time around the capitol, gathering relevant and timely information of interest to students through reports to student government meetings, Whalesong columns, and other means as the need arises.

The secretary/treasurer and legislative affairs coordinator are

paid positions—\$1,000 for the year (tuition for a full time student).

The upper and lower division reps are primarily decision-making positions, absolutely necessary for the smooth functioning of student government but not requiring the time commitments of the other positions.

I am asking for volunteers to help staff the polling stations. There will be two stations; one in the Mourant building and one in the Bill Ray Center. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. unless enough volunteers can be found to extend those time lines. There is usually plenty of time for the volunteers to do homework, read, play guitar, knit, or whatever while "manning" (pardon the expression) the booth, and it is a good way to meet people. If we are unable to find volunteers, we will have to pay workers from student funds.

If you are interested in taking a shift (it can be for as little as two hours) at either station, please get in touch with me. I have regular office hours in the Mourant Building, Auke Lake, Monday and Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and can be reached by calling 789-4537.

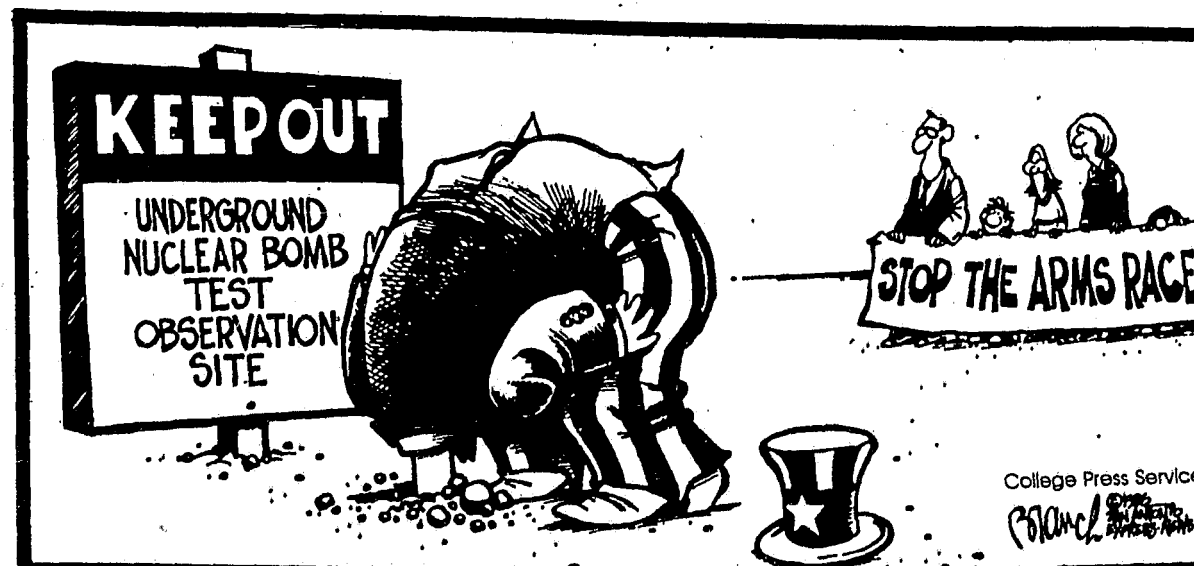
You can also send mail messages to me on the vax—JYPRES. If you don't have vax id, you should get one and learn to use it—you'll love it!

As for student appointments, a number of vacancies exist on various committees on campus. They include the housing committee, phys. ed users committee, academic council, UAJ assembly, and probably some committees that I'm not even aware of yet. If you think you may be interested in any of these committees, please see me. Remember that when we ask for student input on decisions, these committees are vehicles for that input.

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Bousley: UAJ's watchdog

By KATE HARMS
Whalesong Staff Reporter

Student Regent Lance Bousley says a proposed tuition surcharge was avoided when Gov. Bill Sheffield was persuaded by the Board of Regents to reduce a \$22.9 million budget cut aimed for the University of Alaska-Juneau, to 15.3 million.

At that figure, maintenance and non-replacement of equipment and materials and other non-contract violating cutbacks were determined to meet the new budget without the tuition surcharge.

Other accomplishments of the Regents this summer included avoiding what Bousley referred to as "the big E" (exigency, which is a declaration of financial distress paramount to bankruptcy).

After much discussion, debate, and deliberation with Regents, Sheffield was persuaded to let UAJ operate with the budget policy outlined by regents.

Budget reductions resulted in cutbacks in two areas. Initially when the legislature requested the universities to "cut the fat" some compromises resulted including limited travel.

In addition to preliminary cuts the university had to cut areas other than classes and programs already offered in the printed catalog, and salaries of contracted personnel.

"Remember, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger," Bousley said after a tough decision making session.

Other causes of reduction of funds were lower interest rates, less federal grant money available and need to increase the amount in the risk fund, since UAJ is self-insured.

Bousley describes his job as watchdog for the university and its students. He spent the summer thinking about how to

restructure the university to meet the budget and develop a viable education system after the oil revenues become irrelevant.

When asked what his expectations of President Donald O'Dowd's visit are, Bousley said O'Dowd will review programs at UAJ on Sept. 30 to determine viability regarding enrollment, rate of graduation, etc., make recommendations for four year programs, reorganize departments to more efficiently serve needs with less administrative overhead, and renaming of institutions where appropriate. All Alaska colleges will be evaluated.

Results expected by Bousley of O'Dowd's evaluations are reduction of costs and the establishment of a base level of funding required to meet the minimum needs of Alaska's college students founded on enrollment and graduation statistics to combat legislative 'whim'.

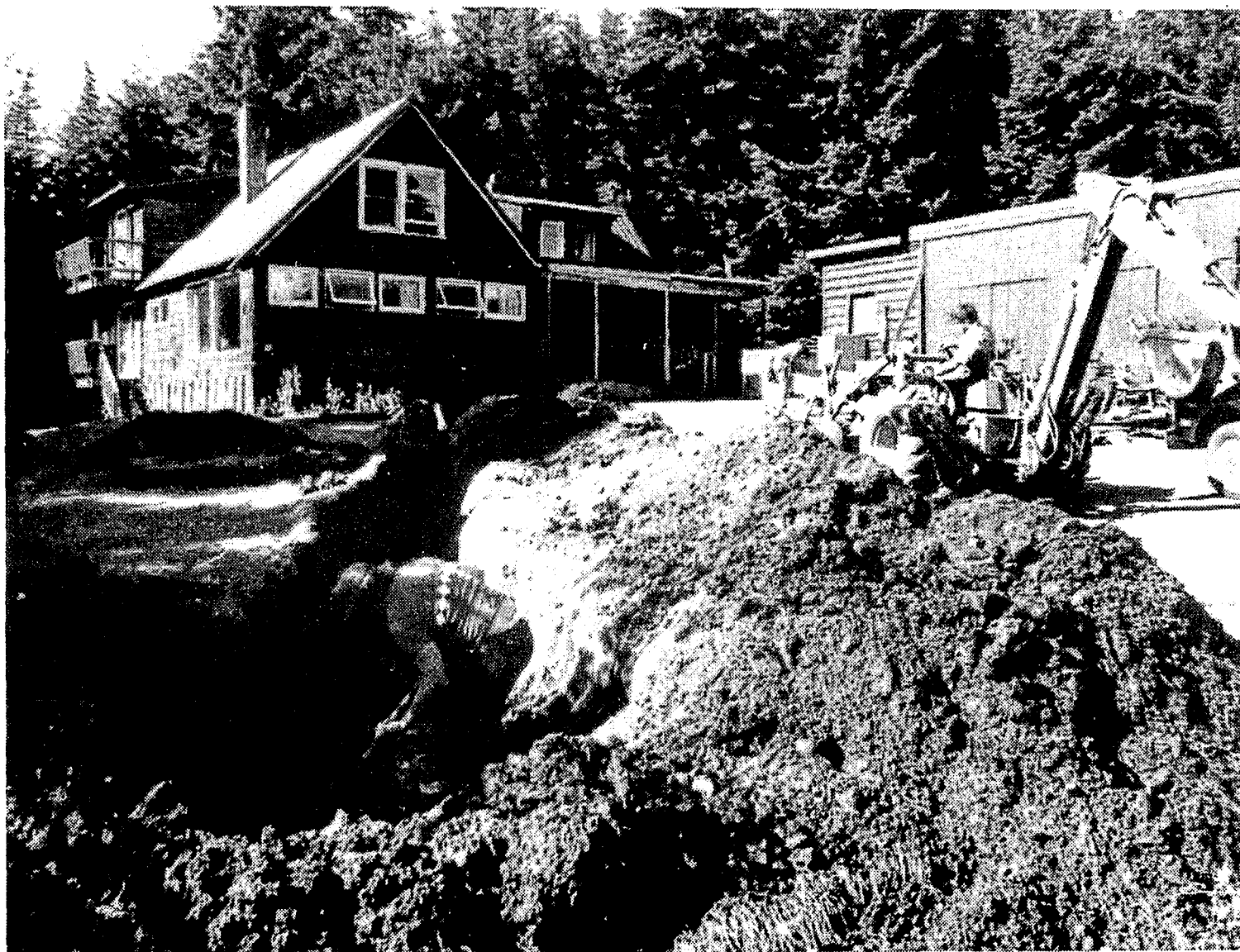
At least four of the Regents feel that UAJ must remain a four year college, said Bousley; others are undecided. However, O'Dowd is reported by Bousley to feel it is warranted.

Bousley summed up the general attitude of the Regents and O'Dowd as firmly believing that UAJ should have at least a four year business, liberal arts and education program, but whatever we do from now on we have to do more with less," Bousley said.

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Work continues on the Jones House remodelling effort. The house will be the location of the new campus day care facility. Applications are being accepted for child care.

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The Whalesong's phone number is 789-4434. Office hours are posted on the office door.

HOUSING. . . .

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store which would be open about two hours a day in the early evening. The store is being opened for the convenience of housing students and will carry items such as laundry detergent, toothpaste, and snacks.

A "Weekly Theme Program" was another idea that will soon be implemented into student housing activities. This program offers an informative work shop during the week to housing residents with a different topic each week. A list of topics will include areas such as study skills, alcohol awareness, sexual awareness, and fire safety. Other topics may be presented by the housing students if they are interested in sharing a particular skill or idea.

Student housing is also awaiting city water. There has been a delay with the contractors and Griffin says students should call Physical Plant for more

information.

According to Griffin, students this semester are "looking after each other" and seem to be pulling together as a community. A wide variety of students live in housing this semester with the oldest being 69 and the youngest still on its way. Housing also attracts students from as far away as Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and even China. Even with the wide variety of people, Griffin says that housing students, both single and those with families, are balancing out better than last semester.

Student housing isn't all fun and games. There are problems, too. One of the biggest problems currently is the number of Juneau residents who don't live in housing, most of whom are high school age or just graduated and who come to housing just to cruise and look for parties. According to Griffin,

both she and one of the Community Advisors for housing, Jan Joki, had to call the Alaska State Troopers at 3 a.m. one morning to break up a party of at least 20 people who did not belong in housing taking place in the parking lot.

Last semester there were many instances of vandalism, mainly the breaking of lights, at housing. Griffin said that over the summer there was no vandalism reported and only one light was lost during the first week of school.

With both the positive and the negative aspects to consider, Griffin is looking forward to this year at housing. She says she really enjoys the community and still has a lot of things she would like to do. Griffin says she plans to stay on as Housing Manager for another couple years at least if they'll have her.

MOSES RESIGNS

David Moses, elected to the position of UAJ Legislative Affairs Coordinator (LAC) for the 86/87 school year in student elections last spring, has resigned that position before assuming his duties.

Moses notified Michael Smith of his decision to resign on Sept. 3. Smith is president of the United Students of the University of Alaska-Juneau (USUAJ).

Smith told the Whalesong that Moses' reasons for resigning were based on personal schedule conflicts.

USUAJ and former LAC Steve Cole last spring proposed that the LAC be an appointed position, but that resolution was defeated in the same student election which won Moses the LAC office.

A new legislative affairs coordinator will be chosen in elections slated for Oct. 7, 8 and 9.

Daycare. . .

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most involved university official. Children of part-time students, faculty and staff will be given priority in that order.

Help is available for anyone needing assistance in paying for day care tuition if eligibility is met. Dinah Hobson, local day care administrator, should be contacted for further information. Hobson may be contacted at 586-5280 during city working hours.

Nominating petitions requiring ten student signatures are available in the counseling center, the Bill Ray Center, student activities office and in the student government office. Petitions must be returned by 5 p.m. on Sept. 26.

Whale's get a boost from community group

By KAREN CUMMINS
Whalesong Staff Reporter

A club formed over the season break to financially help the UAJ men's and soon to be formed women's basketball teams.

The UAJ Whales Booster Club, Inc., or more commonly known as the Whales Booster Club was born in March as an idea of Roger Polley and Pat Kemp.

"There have always been hardships and shortages felt in

the athletic department in terms of travel monies, scholarships, room and board funds, and recruiting efforts to name a few. The Booster Club is there," according to Polley, "as an assistance, and not in any way, shape or form, as a replacement for other monies for scholarships; the regular UAJ budget, or anything else."

All these funds are collected strictly for scholarships and aid and assistance to those team members who are short of money or run into any problems. The UAJWBC is "organized to promote the growth for a well-rounded intercollegiate athletic program," according to the group's by-laws.

Steve Nerland of the University of Alaska-Anchorage was very instrumental in getting the Juneau club off the ground. Nerland, Polley, and Kemp were in constant contact during the early days getting everything organized before the rest of the board met to actually get down to business.

"A very heartfelt thanks goes out to Steve for all his help" said Polley. "We wouldn't be in action today if we didn't ask for his help. It's nice to know there are people out there that want to work with you for a common

cause," Polley said.

The private citizens of Juneau and people affiliated with UAJ have joined in this common cause in raising funds for the Booster Club. "Our primary concern was to provide financial assistance to those team members in their academic endeavors" according to Polley.

President Patty Ann Polley says that the club is still a far cry from their goals.

"We have already committed over \$7,000 this year and we are only 2 weeks into the semester. All this money comes from the members. We are off to a roaring start, but in order to keep existing for this worthy cause, we still need more members badly. Please don't think that your \$25 is useless. It could buy a book or groceries or something."

The business and the corporate sector of the community of Juneau, as well as the neighboring communities such as Sitka, Ketchikan and others, will also play a major role in Booster Club participation. Memberships in the club vary from \$25 individual memberships to \$100 to \$2,000 for businesses and corporations with various benefits.

Terry Pegues, the "Voice of the Whales" on KJNO, is also the Marketing Director for the Booster Club. "The list is small now, but it is growing every day. There is something for everybody."

The UAJ Whales have a total of 26 games, which includes 15 home games his season. This is the most games so far and that means more money is needed for various things. "We are augmenting the limited resources of the athletic department as it relates to the basketball program at the university," according to Polley, "to the best of our ability. We are just trying to fill in the gaps and just hope that the gaps don't get any wider and we don't have the funds to fill them up."

The Board Members of the UAJ Whales Booster Club include President Patty Ann Polley; Treasurer, Pat Kemp; Comptroller, Roger Polley; Legal Adviser, Tom Findley; Campus Liaison, Karen Cummins; Dean Van Duseldorf and Richard (Dick) Levitt. Coach Clair Markey and ex-UAJ Whale Tom Wilson are also a part of the Booster Club, supplying statistics and suggestions as to how best the money raised can be utilized.



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